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CLEAVING UNTO Sinning After Singing THE LORD

Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out . . ."-Matt. 26:30.

Through a needle's eye one can often see glorious landscapes. A rill often leads to a great river. One word is the

"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."—Acts 11:22, 23.

By Rev. H. A. Ironside, D.D., Litt.D., Pastor

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The background and context of They lingered in Jerusalem and these verses is intensely interest-ing. Some years had elapsed since enough to go to Samaria and was the glorious Pentecostal outpouring when the work of grace began in the city of Jerusalem. Our blessed Lord had instructed His disciples to begin there and go throughout Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, proclaiming the wondrous story of His salvation; but, somehow, His disciples were very slow when it came to obeying the Word.

Dr. H. A. Ironside

followed by two of the apostles, but there the work seemed to stop. They seemed not to have the spiritual energy to reach out among the Gentiles. So God shook them were scattered. They went everywhere preaching the Word, but of all-even then they preached only to Jews. Finally, some went as far Even.' as Antioch and launched out in a of the mannerisms of the Gentiles. those in Antioch who had been before worshipers of idols. The great work of God continued. It demus. went on for months, and a great many were saved. Word of this

keynote sometimes of a great oration. One gate often opens-the way to a palace of many windows. Such can be said of the words of the text. They are a microscope that brings to view some things seldom seen. These words are as a telescope that brings nearer things divinely obscured and makes them to be things sacredly vivid. These words are as a spectograph that enables us to learn some elements of great events, just as with the spectograph today we learn the constituent elements of the remotest astro bodies, the gold in the sun, the copper in Mars, and the iron on the moons of Jupiter. These words are slender paths that lead to great highways.
What events do these words lead us to? To what palaces of truth do they point us? Do they point us to some tragedies? We up. Persecution broke out, as a shall see as we think upon these result of which the Christians words. I wish you would notice first I. A Sacred Season-"The as Antioch and launched out.

Gospel campaign among those called, in our Authorized Version, favorite season for Jesus. The eventime He chose for His greatcalled, in our Authorized Version, layout the "Grecians." Ordinarily, the Scriptures distinguish between "Greeks," the Gentiles, and "Gremused for the Jews the first and the last miracle in dark of the eventide — the

were Greek-speaking Israelites miracle at Cana of Galilee and the and were characterized by many healing of the ear of Malchus in the garden the night of His ar-That is the word used here in the rest. "When the even was come" Authorized Version, but actually, He healed many that were disaccording to the best texts, it eased and possessed of devils. As should be translated "Greeks," for eventime drew near, He fed multithese Jewish believers went to the tudes. Later on that same day He Gentiles and preached Christ to rebuked a storm into calm at the evening time. At evening time He gave a great discourse to Nico-

The first proclamation of the many were saved. Word of this gospel in Eden was in the "cool great ministry was carried back of the day." In the evening, the to Jerusalem, and when the dove returned to the ark and to Noah. After dark, Jehovah made

His covenant promise to Abraham, for He told him to look up and count the stars. At eventime two angels visited Lot and warned him to flee before Sodom was destroyed. After the sun set Jacob lay down with a stone for a pillow, and saw angels descending and ascending. It was in the evening that the Israelites ate the first Passover in haste and God brought them out of the land of Egypt and out of the house of bondage. The Mosaic law required the Paschal lamb to be slain "between the two evenings." The Levitical statutes said an unclean person was ceremonially clean at sundown.

A study of the life of Jesus shows that the evening was His favorite time. I think not even the evenings when He healed the sick or taught or prayed alone on the mountain were any sweeter to Jesus than this hour when He met with the twelve in the upper room. The scene is very hard to picture. De Vinci has pictured it. He has pictured the twelve disciples in little groups of three. Judas with his bag is there, and has just upset the salt. Simon



Dr. Robert G. Lee

Peter is there. His right hand, which will later that night hold a sword, is pictured by De Vinci as holding a knife. John is about to swoon at the thought of be-trayal. The face of Christ is framed in the center in a mastery of subordination and a maze of hands and arms uplifted in pro-(Continued on page 2)

Register Early For— **Evangelism Conference** Winona Lake, Ind., July 7 - 14!

By Evangelist Robert J. Wells,

Conference Director and Associate Editor

Reservations are coming in rapidly for the great Winona Lake Conference on Evangelism to be held at the Winona Lake Conference Grounds from July 7th through 14th. Already we have received reservations from several different states, including Ohio, Virginia, Illinois, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky.

A Personal Testimony

An interesting letter came from man in Detroit, Michigan, who had attended last year's Conference. We think it is so interesting that we would like to pass it

"When we were there last year, we decided that as far as we were concerned it was to be an annual event for us! Although I haven't written to tell of the blessings obtained from last year's Conference, we received blessings that are still bringing forth fruit in our ministry here. We came back from the conference on fire for God with the renext six weeks after the conference than in six months before. We were meeting a year ago in a school building; today we are

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TONGUES New Judge Sword Book Club



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We are glad to announce the addition of Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., act-ACTS. Years ago I promised God ing president of Bob Jones Colthat I wanted what He had for lege, famous Shakespearean and famous Shakespearean and dramatic scholar and Christian sult that we won more souls in the author to our list of distinguished judges for the Sword Book Club. He will assist our thirteen other judges in the selection of the best Christian books for the Sword meeting in a \$27,000.00 beautiful

SPEAKING

A FRESH BIBLE STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT

By Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

Multiplied thousands of people God; that it is contrary to the Word of God, and try everything say that the experience of New Scriptures; that it is hurtful and by that holy and infallible stand-Testament Christians at Penta- not helpful and that Christians and. As far as I know, the Bible cost and elsewhere in speaking in other tongues is being repeated tongues. today. They say that in apostolic times Chirstians had "the early ment or James 5:7; Joel 2:23, and Zechariah 10:1. Multitudes of these are earnest and sincere Christians. They say they are happier than they ever were before, that they themselves have experienced, beyond any shadow of doubt, miraculous speaking in tongues, a language they themselves did not know, saying words they did not understand. They claim that the Spirit of God spoke through them. They are so positive that what have experienced is of God, that many of them admit no room for argument and do not consider that they could possibly be mistaken on this matter.
On the other hand, multiplied

the tongues movement as we now

should not seek to speak in nowhere teaches that we should

Why is there such a disagreetimes Chirstians had "the early ment over this question? Why rain" and that the modern Pentecostal movement enjoys "the latter come to the same conclusion about Bible never says that New Testa-

> In my opinion it is because those who believe in speaking with tongues and those who do not, judge primarily by their observation or their experience instead of weighing the matter prayerfully and humbly by the Word of God.

I have observed rather widely the remarkable sweep of this tongues movement. I have been impressed with the sincerity of many who believed in it and grieved at the fanaticism and the false claims of others who likewise believed that they speak in tongues after the Bible fashion. But I know that human experience or feeling or impression is thousands of Christians say that not a reliable guide in doctrine. The only safe course for a Chrishave it, is of Satan and not of tian is to go to the Bible, the

have a different brand of Christianity, different in doctrine or ient Christians should tongues but that we should not.

Again, I say, the way to settle this is to go to the Bible and what we find there in the New Testament on the tongues question will not be out of date.

And now after prayerful, openhearted study of many years, this is my plain conviction; THE MODERN TONGUES MOVE-MENT IS NOT WHAT CHRIS-TIANS HAD IN THE BOOK OF me wherever it led me. needed to speak in other tongues to have the power of the Holy Spirit such as many Bible Christians had, then I wanted Him to make it clear to me. I surren-

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Sinning After Singing

(Continued from page 1) test. This is the picture which the

great artist puts before us.

The second thing I wish you to

II. The Solemn Searching-"Lord, Is It I?"

That night they observed the Passover. They ate the Passover supper. That supper pointed them back to the great night when Israel was delivered out of the house of bondage!

I would place on your heart to-day some statements and would get you to answer. That night when Jesus was betrayed, the Book tells us, Jesus said as they did eat: "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." Then we read: "And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said."

Let us search our hearts a bit today.

"Someone is slighting the Saviour of men Someone is spurning His love once again.

Lord, is it I? "Someone is halting and counting the cost Someone in darkness and sin may

be lost. Lord, is it I?

"Someone is betraying his Master today Someone is walking a perilous

way. Lord, is it I?

"Someone in silence is making the choice

Someone will yield to the Lord and rejoice. Lord, is it I? Let us notice after this heart-

searching-III. The Symbolic Supper— "This Is My Body." "This Is My Blood."

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

The supper was made of such simple elements—just bread and just wine, the blood of the vine. But no costlier supper was ever prepared. Bread was the symbol of His broken body, symbol of His flesh cut with a scourge, torn with thorns, pierced with nails. wine was a symbol of His shed blood. And that supper showed forth His death. That supper set forth a memorial. That supper is the supper that called—and now calls-to remembrance. That supper spoke of His coming again. That supper demands of us obe-dience in its observance. That supper makes us to wish that the cross should be an experience and ere hymn in our lives.

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my

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.There have been suppers that cost thousands of dollars, but not this supper. There have been suppers where people paid \$100.00 a plate, but not this supper. This a symbolic supper, setting us this: forth His death upon the cross. The next thing I wish we would

notice is-

IV. The Sweet Singing "When They Had Sung an Hymn."

In Matthew 26:30 we find: "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of

It was night outside. The shadows of the buildings were surfull moon makes strange shadows on the world outside, always. And so it was that night. "Vanished are the color and the glory of the day, but there is a face in that upper room among faces. It is the face of the Christ and the faces of Galilean peasants, faces of seekers after God, faces of the sons of glory, faces that transformed marble at the touch of Thorwaldsen, faces that haunted De Vinci in the chapel at Milan, faces that were sculptored by sufferings of love, yet tinted by a ray of hope as they look at Him, as they hear Him, as they adore Him." Then the true spiritual and emotional climax of the scene ensues. The supreme note of their comradeship, of their faith, their sacrificial daring, sounds on the night-When they had sung an hymn .. "

The mystery beyond words seeks melody. Anguish and apprehension flame into holiest art, the art of song. "And they went out" —into a night of enemies. "And they went out"—into a night of agonies. "And they went out"as a nightingale breasts the deadly thorn. "And they went out". as a bird dares a stormy sea. "And they went out"—as one who bares his breast to the sharp points of spears. "And they went out"-as a dying swan chants a requiem.

Into what woven harmony did those voices blend in song? I do not know, but I have been interested in what one man said: "We may devoutly imagine Jesus, with Peter and James, carrying the virile air." He said that perhaps in John we find a high lyric tenor, aided by Nathaniel and Matthew. I do not know, but this dear friend said that thundering below were the heavy voices of Thomas, Si-mon the Zealot, and Bartholomew. That was the bass. And I think not in mere imagination, but with spiritual intuition, he says that James, and Jude and Philip sang baritone. Together, facing a night of agonies, a night of enemies, a night of dread and fear, they SING. Perhaps it was the twentyseventh Psalm: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" A hymn, a sweet hymn! And Jesus sang with them.

Perhaps we can see how the candles are put out. Perhaps if our ears are keenly sensitized we can hear across the stormy chasms of history the door as it swings ajar upon its hinges. Surely, remem bering sorrows that have assailed us, remembering crosses we have had to bear, we can see the cross the upper room.

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ture of the sinning of the disciples after singing with the sinless Saviour.

Now notice-

V. The Sinning After the Singing—"They All Forsook Him and Fled"

Notice the sinning after vow of love and loyalty. Matthew tells

"Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto Him, Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto Him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before rounded with the moonlight. The the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet I will not deny thee.

wise also said all the disciples."
"I will go with thee to prison and to death"—this is what Peter said. "I will go with Thee to prison and to death"—"Likewise also said all the disciples." "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." "Likewise also said all the disciples." "Though all men should be offended because of Thee, yet will not I be offended," said Peter. "Likewise also said all of his disciples."

Notice again the sinning after a stirring sermon.

On the way to Gethsemane Jesus spoke the wonderful words of John, the fifteenth chapter, and John, the sixteenth chapter. In that upper room they had heard the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel. What a message! Yet they went out to sin after hearing the stirring words of the greatest Teacher the world ever knew.

There have been many stirring sermons that have fallen from human mouths upon human ears. Many times they have been accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit. Stirring sermons people have heard, and yet went on in sin and went on out to sin, out from the sacred sanctuary to walk the paths of sin, out from under the spell of eloquence in preaching to iniquity. The chapter written by the disciples in other days is a chapter so like the chapters that many of us write today when we go out from under the power of gospel sermons to sin, to dance to the music of self-indulgence, to chase the short-lived butterflies of pleasure. We hear stirring sermons on unselfishness -and go out to sin by living sel-We hear stirring sermons on putting ourselves out of sight -and go out to sin by walking paths of pride and seeking eminence for ourselves. We hear stirring sermons on liberality some--and go out to give to the cause of Christ with the reluctance of the miser who pays his taxes grudgingly. We hear stirring sermons on prayer-and go out and live a prayerless life.

Do these words seem severe? Well, let me ask, "Are they true?" Are they as a mirror in which you see yourself?

It might be well for us to notice

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What an opportunity they had for heroism-after such sweet singing, after such vows, after such wondrous messages from the heart and the mind and the mouth of the Christ! What a time for fortitude! What a time for fidelity! Do not forget that their consecration vows were warm on their lips as they left the upper room. Now they go out to face the crisis of life. One betrayed Him Wen Pilate in the judgment hall unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivereth me unto thee hath the greater

cursing and saying he never knew Him. He had seen Jesus make the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, and the dead to come to life. Yet he said he never knew Him.

sook Him and fled, fled like frightened sheep before attacking wolves.

One of them doubted Him later.

For eight days he went in doubt. What was wrong. We can answer that question by looking at our own lives. We can answer it without sitting in condemnation upon the disciples of old. It was, even as now, a superficial esti-mate of Christianity, a looking on religion as sort of an emotional bath. We approach life as though it were music and not ministry, as though it were shirk hour and not forming our duties. We think so much of securing places instead of making graces secure in our lives. Too many, indeed, think of life as being a thing of mere art, artificial art, if you please, instead of heart, real heart. So many say so many times, "Me," "I," and "Mine" instead of "Thee," "Thy," and "Thine." So many think of life as a playground and not as a battleground, as a perfumed pil-low instead of a stormy billow. So many times we look upon Christianity as something that feathers our senses. We like the organ, the hush of prayer, the speech of silence, and the beauty of the sanc-

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And this brings us to the pic- some of the details of their sin- tuary. There is nothing especially wrong with that, provided it does not stop there.

When we sing a hymn sometimes, we go out—and what do we meet? We meet a practical world. We meet a hard-boiled world. We meet a world with a clinched fist, a fist which it shakes under our noses. We meet a world with a terrible tongue. We meet a close-fisted world. We meet a fat-eared world. We meet a wicked-hearted with a kiss and precipitated the tragedy of the cross. That kiss of in awe. We meet a world of alcohol and alimony. We meet a cohol and alimony. We meet a triot, ex-wife, ex-husband, exsaid to Jesus, "Speakest thou not pense, ex-citement, ex-pectation, and sometime of ex-ecration. We meet a world in which we have to grasp the nettle of the real. Everywhere we turn we face the horns of trouble. We face the hoots of a fast-moving life. We fall out of Paradise. We come to earth with a sickening thud. We n." have gone to worship meetings one denied Him, swearing and have heard stirring singing and have heard the gospel preach-ing that calls us from the tent to the battlefield. We have sung our hymns and gone out feeling strong enough to meet a lion. So many have told us this. "Yes, many have told us this. Some of them slept through the times our experience has been that crisis. Unsympathetic they were in the crisis, unhelpful they were in the crisis. And all of them forwent out, and we were defeated by a mouse." As somebody has said, "We have felt adventurous enough to sail the ocean and we were drowned or devoured in a teacup." We are guilty of yielding to the menace of mediocrity. Sometimes we have sung our and have felt hymn enough to swallow the world, and then we have choked on a gnat. We have gone out believing that we had strength to break prison bars, and we were held by a thread. Having sung our hymn we have gone out believing that we ourselves were bold enough to work hour. We think so much of storm a cannon and spike it, but getting our rights instead of per-we were slain by a pebble, just as Goliath with all his boast was slain by the pebble from David's sling. We have sung our hymn and have gone out believing we were tall enough to breast a world, a world of storm and cyclonic whirl, and found that we were blown over by a zephyr.

> I heard a man say once that his (Continued on page 5)

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brethren heard about it they said, out." So they sent Barnabas, and dence of the grace of God working among the Gentiles, his soul was stirred and he began to exhort and try to help those who were already saved, telling them that with purpose of heart they cleave unto the Lord." should cleave to the Lord.

Now this verse came to me as I thought of the many who have recently accepted Christ. We plead well to attend the Conference for had their hearts opened to their with you for your own soul's this series of lectures alone. need of Christ and have trusted blessing that you cleave to the Him as their Saviour. We would Lord with purpose of heart. You not have you think conversion is have trusted Christ, have taken actually the end of the Christian Him as your own personal Savexperience—it is only the begin- iour. Now see to it that you set cleansing, and fresh air. A great Apostle Peter wrote: many things are required that the

in great revival meetings, and

years go by and they seem not to develop as Christians should, and adequately than he. There has "We had better investigate. If unthinking people turn and blame God is working this way among the evangelist, saying, "People about the doctrine of the Holy the Gentiles, we had better find get converted but do not get any- Spirit, and as a result, many who where or amount to anything for when he saw for himself the evi- God." That is true if the converts things for God have been robbed are not built up in Christ after- of the blessings that should be wards. Barnabas realized that and went among these young converts daily, systematic study of this and exhorted them, that "with subject which will exhaust pracpurpose of heart they would

That is the exhortation we would bring to all today who have ning. When people come to Christ your mind on the work of gloriand put their trust in Him, that fying God in everything. You is just the start in the Christian could not be saved through any life. When we receive the Lord effort of your own, but now that Jesus we are born again but are you are saved it is necessary for only babes in Christ and need to you to put forward every effort grow. Certain things are impor- you can to glorify Him. If you tant in the nurture of a babe- have been born again you have proper care, good food, constant been bought with a price. The

"Being born again, not of corbabe may develop and grow in a ruptible seed, but of incorruptible, are as follows: way that will cheer the hearts of by the word of God, which liveth the parents, relatives, and friends. and abideth for ever. For all flesh So, often, people are converted is as grass, and all the glory of

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of the Lord, on the subject: The Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts. This will be a very special treat and should be the means of rich blessing to all who attend. Dr. Rice has spent many years in the study of this particular subject and we know of no man in America better qualified to deal with it been great misunderstanding could otherwise be doing great theirs. We feel that a regular, tically every reference in the Bible concerning the doctrine of the Holy Spirit will be of inestimable value, and preachers would do

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Rev. Mark Dickerson.

Wherever we go we hear reports from those who had attended last year's Conference, indicating that the blessings were planning to return for this year's Georgia, and the Associate Editor. Conference. Many say: "I just couldn't possibly afford to pass it up." And so, the reservations the Conference to get their reser- John R. Rice, editor of The Sword

vations in to our office as soon as church building. We started possible in order to take advan-

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CLEAVE UNTO THE LORD

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Salvation does not depend on a happy feeling or an emotional upset or signing a card or holding up your hand or rising from your seat and going to the inuiry room. All these things are right and proper in their places, but new birth depends upon having received the word of the truth of the Gospel. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth," and that Word speaks to the conscience, and the power of the Holy Ghost produces new life. If you believe the Gospel you begin as a babe in Christ. As a babe, you need food. You need with purpose of heart to acquire that food which will be for your spiritual nourishment and upbuilding. The Apostle Peter's first letter, chapter 2, opening verse, reads, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.'

Bible Reading Necessary for Growth and Knowledge

You will never grow, you will never make progress, you will never really develop as a Christian if you neglect your Bible. With purpose of heart cleave to the Lord and let one evidence of your cleaving be that from now on you will never permit a day to go by that you do not spend some time over your Bible. And as you open it, lift your eyes to Him who wrote it (for "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost") and ask God to reveal His mind and will to you in His Word, and seek grace to walk in obedience to His will. There is no other way to make a suc-cess of the Christian life. Back in the Old Testament, in the book of Joshua, there is a verse I like to give to young converts, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Josh. 1:8). There you have it! You want to make your way prosperous? You want to have read perous? You want to have good success? You want your Christian life to count for God? Then do not neglect your Bible!

Some of you may say, "I have never been in the habit of reading the Bible. I do not know how to go about it. Frankly, there is so much in it I don't understand." Of course not! You can expect that in a book from God. "For as that in a book from God. "For as thanksgiving let your requests be the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than then he promises that "the peace aged if you find old things tugyour ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9). But remember God, who wrote it, has given you the Holy Spirit. "After that ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise' (Eph. 1: 13). The Holy Spirit has come to dwell in you. You who have trusted Christ, your body is now the temple of God and the spirit of God delights to take the things of God and show them to you. As you open your Bible, look up to Him and say, "I do not understand it all; but, Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit open it up to me," and you will be surprised how He will delight to do it.

Some of you may say, "Shall I take it as a whole or by certain sections?" I think if I were you I in Genesis to the last chapter incan pray at liberty yourself, until

man as the flower of grass. The Revelation. Perhaps take a chapter a day-it takes only a few minutes; and then after you read it, pray over it and look it over again and say, "What in this chapter is for me, what speaks to my own heart?" If you do not find something, look to the Lord to open it up, wait on Him. Perhaps He will answer another question. Ask Him or yourself this question, "In what way is Christ presented?" Take the first chapter of Genesis you are reading through. You ask, "In what way is Christ a spirit of worship and adoration presented?" The first chapter says, as you come into His presence. "Let there be light." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." You read God made the sun and Jesus called the Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4: 2). So wherever you go in your Bible you will always find something speaking of Him. Then look it over and say, "Is there anything here I should be careful to avoid or obey or against which I am warned? Is there anything God is showing me I ought to do?" So read your Bible chapter by chapter, and you will find the more dependent you are on the Holy Spirit, the more it will open up to you.

> be a wise thing for you who have only recently accepted the Lord If you have liberty in praying in to take a book like the Gospel of John and read a chapter of that in praying in public. Because your day, because you know each John's Gospel was given especially to make known the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. "These are written," John tells us, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (20:31). You will find wonderful truths which will make the things of God more and more real.

Then if you are able to set apart three periods a day, may I sug-gest another book. You want to learn to pray and praise. Read one of the Psalms daily and meditate on that Psalm. Ask the Spirit of God to open it up to you. I can promise you this, in a few weeks and months, though you may not realize it, others will see you are growing and developing Christian.

Cleave to the Lord in Prayer

A second thing, you not only need to read your Bible in order to grow in grace and knowledge. but you need to set apart some time daily for prayer. Let me read a passage from Paul's epistle are so many things to worry and distract us); but in everything by prayer and supplication with of God which passeth all underand minds through Christ Jesus."

Now, you can be a Christian without giving yourself to a life of prayer, but you will never be a growing, healthy, useful Christian if you neglect prayer; and so I would urge upon you that with purpose of heart you cleave to the Lord in prayer-that just as you set aside a certain time every day for reading the Word, so, in connection with it, you take time to pray. Some of you may say, "I do not know how to pray." Perhaps you have not prayed since as a child you said, "Now I lay me down to sleep." Perhaps you were never even taught that. May I suggest, you could not find a would begin immediately to read better model than that given by thoughtfully, prayerfully, through our Lord in what is commonly the Bible—from the first chapter called the Lord's Prayer. Until you

and lips so you can pour out your soul in intercession, take those words as a guide in prayer. He "When ye pray, say, Father." It is a wonderful thing to be able to say that. You who have accepted Christ, only now do you have the right to say that. You may have used the words before but now you are entitled to "Our Father." As pray and say, you think of that it would be well to say, "God is my Father—and just as I go to my earthly father and tell him what is in my heart, so I can tell Him how I long to live for Him, how I want guidance and help along the way, and the supply of my temporal and spiritual needs, for He says, 'Be not anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and sup-plication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

"Hallowed be thy name." That is, He would have you enter into

Pray for the extension of His work. "Thy kingdom come." Pray for temporal things. "Give

us this day our daily bread." Pray for deliverance from trial and temptation. "Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever

And I would suggest that you accustom yourself to praying out loud when you get alone in your room where nobody will hear but God and you. Half of the victory in your prayer life is gained when you become accustomed to hear-I would like to suggest this to you. Besides reading through chapter by chapter, I think it will they have never become accusing your own voice. Many people cannot pray in public, because tomed to hearing their own voices secret, you will soon have liberty words seem crude and seem not

"Ye Are Not Your Own Ye Are Bought With a Price'

to come all at once, do not discon-

tinue praying. Continue to cleave

to the Lord and you will find He

will open your lips and heart and

really teach you to pray.

The last thing I want to say to you is this: The one who bore your sins is not only your Saviour but is your Lord and Master. Therefore you must recognize the fact that you are no longer your own. Before you were saved, you did what you pleased and went where you liked. That should be over now. You should say, "I am not my own. I belong to another. I have been bought with a price. Therefore I must be careful where I go, I must be careful in choosing my companions. I am called to serve the Lord Christ." In the twelfth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans there is a very important exhortation in the first verse:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto to the Philippians, chapter 4, God, which is your reasonable verse 6, "Be careful for nothing service. And be not conformed to that may be translated, 'Be not this world: but be ye transformed anxious about anything.' It is by the renewing of your mind, natural for us to be anxious. There that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Do not be discouraged because standing, shall keep your hearts not see the immediate will of God. As you become better acquainted with His Word and spend more time in prayer and walk with Him, the more clear all these

things will become. As young Christians you should

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the Holy Spirit opens your heart also avail yourselves of the op- in these things you with purpose portunity of coming together with of heart cleave to the Lord, your the people of God, that you may Christian life will bring joy and get better acquainted with His satisfaction, and you will be used in winning others to Christ.

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Sinning After Singing

(Continued from page 2) blood was made warm by hearing a sermon. Then he went home and found the fire out and found the house cold; and that was all it took to ruin the good sermon for him.

He was right who said that a flat tire after church makes a flat tire after church makes a them, I will liken him unto a wise man forget his religion. He was man, which built his house upon to make a traffic light makes some people see red." He was right, too, ble or roughness lets us down and keeps us down.

We get so we can sing "Were the whole realm of nature

mine, That were a present far too

small . . and then we are guilty of being picayunish or miserly in money matters. When the collection plate passes we can comfortably drop in a dime or drop in nothing or glance with commiseration at the plate, and deny God the tenth which is His.

We can sing "Sweet Hour of bers. Prayer" and then be guilty of going out not to spend an hour a week in prayer. We can sing am worth." "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and then go out and live so people will know 'that we have not spoken to Him in weeks, and have not spoken to anyone else cause of people who give me their about Him in weeks. We sing, "I Love to Tell the Story," and never tell it.

I heard a lovely lady once at a mission station sing, "I Love to me preach from week to week Tell the Story." When she came out I said, "I wonder if I may ask you a question."

She said, "Any question you desire to ask, you may ask."

I said, "You have a beautiful voice. Do you really tell the story of Christ to your neighbors, to your children, and to others who know Him not?"

After a bit of frustration and after a blush had quickly spread across her lovely face, she said, "I fear I do not love to tell the story."

Yes, we read in the Book that they sang a hymn and went out. They went out to betray Him; at least, one of them betrayed Him. They went out to sleep while He sorrowed. They went out to forsake Him-all of them forsook Him and fled. Whose feet ran the fastest, I do not know. They went out to follow Him afar off and to manifest a disloyalty which hurt

The Christian religion is more than ritual; it is personal right-eousness. Spiritual religion is more than church caliethenia is Christly character. Spiritual religion is more than a mere song beautifully sung; it is service. Spiritual religion is more than honoring God with our lips; it is loving God nonoring and with our hearts and doing with our might what our hands find to do. Spiritual religion is living in deeds; not in words only. We live in deeds, the poet said—not in years; in thoughts-not in breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs.

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noblest, acts the best, Lives more in weeks than in years do some whose fat blood sleeks as it creeps along their veins."

We must not forget that "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Jesus said: "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth right, also, who said, "Too late a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded w... said that a pin point of trou-upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be lik-ened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it

fell: and great was the fall of it."
I read some time ago about a young preacher who resigned a church in a certain city. He created consternation in his congregation by so doing. The deacons of the church asked him if he would meet with them. When he did so they said, "Pastor, do not

the folks come to hear you?"
He said, "Yes, in great num-

"Do we not pay you enough money?"

"Yes," he said, "more than I

"Well, then please tell us why you have resigned and why you

are leaving us."
He said, "I am not resigning because of lack of congregation, beears. I am not resigning because people do not say nice things to me. I am not resigning because my salary is too small. I am resigning because my people hear and tell me that it is good preaching, and then go out and live the same old sordid lives that they have always lived; and I can't stand it. You say you enjoy my sermons. You say you love me. You say on Sunday that you are stirred, and then you go out to live the same old lives you have been living for years."

Yes, we sing our hymns and go back to the same old lives, so many times.

We find that there is that which treats religion as an expediency. Spiritual religion, I mean. And whenever you treat spiritual religion as an expediency, it be-comes a pious fraud. People now say, "I am religious," not to please God or placate deity but to please the people. It is not the still, small voice within but the big, loud voice without that they listen to and give obedience to. Spiritual religion as an expediency becomes ostentation. Many people say, instead of showing a loyalty which shall be spiritually religious—it helped. shall be spiritually religions.

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in the garden hurt His heart. He had chosen them to go with Him to help Him, and they proved unworthy His choice. They slept when they were needed. God had to send an angel from Heaven to it seemed like going, do what they had the chance to do, and they awoke when it was too late. Jesus, finding them asleep, said, as He heard the footsteps of the crowd that came to arrest Him, "Sleep on now, and take your rest . . . lo, he that be-trayeth me is at hand."

Long ago they did what we shall do today — they sang an hymn and went out. Today we will sing our hymn and go out. Will our possession be less than our profession? Shall we, singing our hymn, profess tons and go out and say by the way we act that we possess pounds? Shall we, singing our hymn, make somebody believe that we measure 36 inches to the yard, and then go out and have pygmy statues? Will our professed religion today end with benediction? Know we not that Christianity is not just a beautiful song? Know we not that Christianity is not just a desert mirage? Know we not that Christianity is not a mere rhythmic poem? Know we not that Christianity is not merely looking upon armor but putting on the ar-mor and wearing the armor and going forth to battle, giving ears to Him who has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat?

We have sung our hymn today. Shall we go out and be lethargic in service? Shall we go out deafeared to His callenging calls? God forbid! May we the rather

"Oh, be swift, my soul, to an-

swer Him; Be jubiliant, my feet-

Our God is marching on." Have we learned, and do we know that Christianity is a life? Do we know, and have we learned that Christianity must be lived? The Christian sings: "Lord, speak to me that I may speak." He sings: "O teach me, Lord, that I may teach." He prays, "Lead I may teach." He prays, "Lead me, Lord, that I may lead."

Yes, long ago they sang a hymn and went out. They went out to betray Him, to misunderstand Him. They went out to be cow-ards, to flee like frightened sheep. They went out to sleep when He wanted sympathy. God forbid that we shall so go out!

They went out to follow afar off when He needed close companionsip. God forbid today that we shall follow afar off during any hour of any day of any month of any year. God says that we should put our shoulders to the work. God forbid that we should work on holding backstrops inof on collars. God forbid that we should go out to with-hold from Him that which is His. forbid that we should sing our hymn and go out to live an old, half-way religious life. God forbid that we should sing: "My life, my love I give to Thee," and then go out and weigh seven ounces instead of sixteen ounces to the pound. God forbid that we should sing our hymn and go out and fail to comfort a child this week. God forbid that we shall sing our hymn and then visit no house of sorrow this next week, and lift no burden this next week, and lead no one to Christ this next week. Let us sing our hymn and go out to live for Him very day. God help us today to sing our hymn and go forth to faith in God, to the works of faith, to the courage of faith, to the daring of faith in God.

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> Into the jaws of death; into the mouth of hell, it was,

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why; Their's but to do and die.

And in a moment of supreme neroism they met the deadly fire. Men went down like grass before the mower, but they swept on until, with a shout, they gained the ridge, seized the post and routed the enemy before them.

We do not want to make un-reasonable sacrifices nor do the unreasonable thing, but do you not believe with me that there comes in the experience of great souls times when they must act and give as the sole ground for their action their faith in God? When McKay had spent fourteen years of apparently fruitless toil in Africa, Stanley met him and said, "Come along home." It did look as though that was the reasonable thing to do, but McKay's faith was stronger than Stanley's argument and the world knows the result.

And why not? If men have the heroism to follow with such blind confidence their human leaders. ought we not to render quick and glad obedience to the known will of Him whose wisdom can make no mistake and of whose power to perform there can be no doubt?

"It's better to walk in the dark with Him

Than to walk in the light alone." The greatest triumphs of the are records of a faith like

this.

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riches; on this side lies Spain with all its comforts but eternal disgrace. Now choose as becomes a brave Castilian. As for me I go to the south." And he stepped across the line. In a moment his faithful lieutenant was by his side and said, "I too." Then came another and another and another, until the whole of his brave little band was at his back and with them Pizarro swept on to a con-

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marvels of succeeding generations.

Oh, my brother, I know there is a Hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. I know there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in Hell; and I know too that there is joy and happiness with the redeemed among the walks of God's glory-lit world, but not for any of these reasons do I bid you come tonight. But I sound a trumpet call and bid you come and fight with Christ against the powers of iniquity and claim this world for God. I do not say there is nothing to suffer. I do not say there are no scars, but there's a great aching heart of humanity crying for below And humanity crying for help. And I call you in the name of Christ and say, "There's a duty to perform; there's a victory to be won and heroism to be shown. I know that will appeal to you."

Let us humbly pray God to send us forth today to make a conquest of the world and of self. Let us sing our hymn and go out and live courageously for Him. Let us sing our hymn and go out and live for Him every minute of every hour of every day until life's brief day is over, or until He shall

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Speaking With Tongues

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please Him about it. I have been so anxious for Holy Spirit power and so insistent on the need for Christians to be filled with the Spirit, that I have earnestly pray-ed and urged others to pray for God to fill me completely with His Spirit. I have spoken and written on the subject for years and I believe, like Finney, Moody, Torrey and Chapman, in a definite for guidance, I am convinced that speaking in tongues as taught and practiced by various branches of Pentecostal people is contrary to the teachings of the New Testa-ment and the example of the

Now I ask you to study with me what the Bible says on this question. Let us forget our experiences, forget what we have seen, and go directly to the Word of God to find what God teaches

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That is quickly shown when you read what happened at Pentecost. Notice the following verses from the second chapter of Acts:

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, an began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one First of all, let us remember amazed and marvelled, saying one ais: To speak with tongues, in to another, Behold, are not all

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these which speak Galileans? And | tongues, as Christians did at | is subject to control. One who is | Testament, they put an emphasis how hear we every man in his own tongue wherein we were born?"-Acts 2:4-8.

Then verses 9, 10 and 11 name some sixteen different nationali-". . . we do hear ties and say: them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God!"

What happened at Pentecost was that God, with His miraculous power, caused Christians to preach the wonderful works of God to people of other nations, in their wn tongue or language wherein they were born. Not a word was spoken that was not understood. Not a word was spoken in some heavenly language not known and used by men. The only languages were real languages in as they did at Pentecost then you will simply be given the miraculous power to tell of the wonderful understood, but not otherwise. works of God to people of other nationalities, in their own tongue. mark you, it was a very sensible miracle with a very definite purpose. It was a sign to these untheir own language.

The whole trend of the fourteenth chapter of I Corinthians is that speaking in another language not known or understood by peo-ple present, is utterly useless that five words understood are better than 10,000 not under-stood; that unlearned people do the Holy Spirit by bitterness, not understand speech in a foreign language or tongue and ish jesting (Ephesians, chapters therefore it is forbidden anybody 4 and 5). But when the Holy to speak in a foreign language or Spirit guides our speech or gives one unknown to people present us "utterance," that does not except some one present can in-terpret it and it be done one at a time without confusion so the a vacation when the Holy Spirit full meaning is made known. takes charge! Rather, they are Paul, the inspired apostle of God, more keenly alive. At Pentecost full meaning is made known. spoke much more firmly than I the apostles knew what they were am able to do in showing the saying. They deliberately and folly of saying anything that canintentionally used the divine not be understood by those present. First Corinthians 14:16 says: "Else when thou shalt bless with of every nation who were present the spirit, (but in a foreign land to tell them, in their own the room of the UNLEARNED say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what

Notice that the kind of tongues or languages Paul is speaking He said plainly in I Corinthians about is the kind that people can learn. Educated people would to another that sitteth by, let the know them in their country where first hold his peace." Verse 32 they learn many languages. unlearned man would not under-stand other languages but his own prophets. For God is not the dialect, perhaps, and so an "un-learned" person would get no person would get no benefit from talking in an unknown language. There is no reference here to some heavenly, angelic language. The only kind of languages the Bible means when it speaks of tongues is the known by the prophet. He knows THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY kind of languages that various nationalities spoke all the time. Such languages would be learned by the educated but not known by the unlearned, except that each man would know his own. He should not speak in that unless it were understood.

In the same chapter, I Corinthians 14.23 says: "If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak vith tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?"

Again we see that Paul is arguing against speaking in other tongues in a service. He says that "unlearned" people and unbelievers would think people were crazy if they talked in foreign languages in the services.

So we see that to speak in

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Philadelphia 39, Pa. language of foreigners who were present to hear and who undermiracle, but it was a useful miracle with a definite purpose. What utterance, speaks consciously and it was unnecssary. Paul rebuked them for it.

There is not one particle of encouragement in the entire Bible for anybody to speak in German when no Germans are present or to speak in Chinese when no Chinese are present. And it is absolutely forbidden unless persons then the concession is evidently present in the congregation. They may speak if it is interpreted and

There is not a hint that any Christian ought to ever speak and That was a miracle to be sure, but not know what he says. Certainly that was not the case at Pente-

Speaking in Tongues, in the saved Jews when they heard Speaking in Tongues, in the Galileans preaching to them in Bible, Was Not "the Spirit Speaking Through Men" Any More Than At Other Times

Chirstians should always be led of the Spirit, should walk in the Spirit and the Spirit should direct all that they utter. We are particularly warned not to grieve evil speech, clamor or lying, foolpower given to them to preach the gospel to the devout Jews out and to tell them, in their own guage) how shall he that occupieth languages, "the mighty works of

> On this very matter Paul warned the heretical and carnal people of Corinth that their confusion in public services was not of God. 14:30, "If any thing be revealed and 33 then say: "And the spirits author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.'

The spirit of a prophet is subject to the prophet. That is, the prophet knows what he is saying. The message God gave him is what he is saying and his spirit 2010 BRYAN ST.

Pentecost, was to speak in the under the influence of the Holy and an importance on it altolanguage of foreigners who were Spirit is not hysterical, is not in gether lacking in the Bible. The a trance, is not beside himself, stood the message. That was a does not cause confusion. One should speak miraculously in miracle, but it was a useful mir-speaking as the Holy Spirit gives tongues at least once is altothose at Corinth spoke may not intelligently, knows what he is of the very best Christians in the have been a miracle, and besides saying and is under his own con-The confusion that comes over so-called speaking with ton-gues it not of God for "God is not the author of confusion," Paul says.

Sometimes people are urged to relax everything, loose everything and let the Holy Spirit speak through them; they are told then speak one at a time and have it the Holy Spirit will speak through clearly interpreted. And even their mouth a heavenly language that they do not understand. But which these Parthians, Medes, Elamites, etc., talked every day in their lives. If you speak in tongues common language of most of those the Bible teaches Christians should the whole business of speaking in do. Any one who turns himself a language that was not necessary over to a spirit may be submitting to an evil spirit. We are plainly commanded to "try the spirits" (I John 4:1). If the result ing than ten thousand without the is confusion, then it is not of God. understanding." God brings understanding and order.

At Pentecost the disciples "be-

gan to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them UTTER-ANCE." But the world "utterance" there is the same word used of Peter on the same occasion in Acts 2:14: Peter . . . said which resulted in so many conversions! Peter knew what he was saying and yet the Spirit in tongues, then certainly we gave him utterance. The same need not think it is required of all Greek word is used again of Paul Chirstians. If he did not have in Acts 26:25 when he said, "I am it when he was saved or when in Acts 26:25 when he said, "I am it when he was saved or when not mad, most noble Festus: but he was filled with the Holy Spirit, SPEAK FORTH the words of them the rest of us need not estruth and soberness." The utpecially seek it. terance of Acts 2:4 was not passive. The Spirit gave the utterance but the disciples knew what they were saying and their speech was under perfect control just as was Peter's in the fourteenth verse and as was Paul's before Festus. When the Spirit gives utterance, he gives intelligent utterance, orderly utterance, without confusion and full of meaning to those who hear!

Most Bible Christians Never Spoke With Tongues

Even if such speaking in tongues as the modern Pentecostal movement has were the same kind of tongues mentioned in the New

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Notice carefully that Paul did not speak with other tongues at See Acts 9:3-6. his conversion. Notice again that he did not speak unto them, "Ye men of Judaea with other tongues when he was . . ." preaching his great sermon filed with the Holy Ghost (Acts 9:17)

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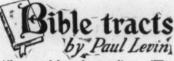
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Important Gifts

In fact, of all the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives, speaking in tongues or languages and interpreting languages were the last mentioned and least important, according to the Bible. God sometimes gave people the power to speak in other languages to the people who understood them, and to others He gave sometimes the miraculous power to understand foreign languages so as to interpret them. Those gifts may still be sometimes given - the Bible does not say, and I do not know. If the occasion should arise, God certainly has not closed the door on any kind of miracles He should desire to work. But of all the gifts of the Spirit, these are last. For I Corinthians 12:28 says: "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

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last in importance, as the apostolic gift was first in importance! It is foolish to give, in modern church life, an importance to the tongues in the importance to the tongues in the most important thing that spoke and the power of God upon happened at Pentecost, but it was it were the essential things. The question that was not given to it the least important thing. The outward miracles of a cyclonic by New Testament Christians and important thing was that they wind, the visible tongues like as favorite weapons to have us cry spoke with the power of the Holy of fire sitting on the people or for the husk and ignore the grain.

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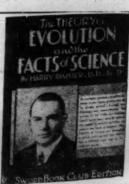
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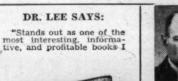
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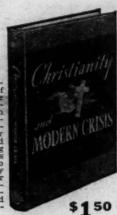
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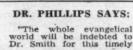
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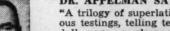
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